

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 17, replace the paragraph, beginning on line 6, with the following amended paragraph:

--Referring to Fig. 3, description will be made about an operation which is executed when a connection is made by a reservation. Herein, it is assumed that the reservation is for reserving a conference between two points, such as the first and the second conference room terminals 1 and 2. At first, the ANS 5 accepts and registers a reservation related to a conference which will be started at an optional time instant in the future. Contents of the registered reservation may include attending conference room terminals, a conference start time, and a conference end time at least. Such registration may be made by the use of a key board placed in the ANS 5 or by communicating with an outer device through a communication channel. The reserved contents are registered or ~~stroed~~ stored in the reservation database 5b in the ANS 5. The ANS 5 starts a connection between the registered conference rooms at the conference start time registered in the reservation database 5b.--